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Dear Director Poke and Residential Code Ad Hoc Committee Members:


Thank you for the work you completed to update the Construction Codes Part 4a Residential Code and Part 10 Michigan Uniform Energy Code. I understand this has been an enormous amount of work, and I am grateful we are nearly finished with the update.

As you know, the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC) is now published and available for adoption. The main change in the 2015 IRC, Chapter 11- Energy Efficiency, is the addition of the new Energy Rating Index (ERI) compliance path in Section N1106 (R406). This ERI compliance path would be very beneficial to Michigan as a voluntary, above the code, program and as such should be certified by the state as an above code program to permit flexibility under the recommendation of the committee. Therefore, I believe the final recommended draft of the Residential Code rules should be updated to include the 2015 edition of the IRC and that Chapter 11 of the 2015 Code should be amended to incorporate the Chapter 11 language already recommended by the Residential Code Review Committee.

Adopting the 2015 edition may require a few more changes to the current Residential Code rules draft; and therefore, with the exception of the 2015 IRC, Chapter 11 - Energy Efficiency, I ask the Committee to review the remaining new portions of the 2015 IRC for adoptions in the current draft. In order to keep the promulgation of the rules moving forward in a timely manner, I will need a final draft from the committee and the Bureau of Construction Codes by April 1, 2015.

I appreciate your continued assistance in bringing your knowledge and expertise to this project.

Sincerely,



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Director